

2007 LGBT

Economic Development Summit

Where the Boys and Girls Are: An overview of gay/lesbian demographics



the
Williams
INSTITUTE

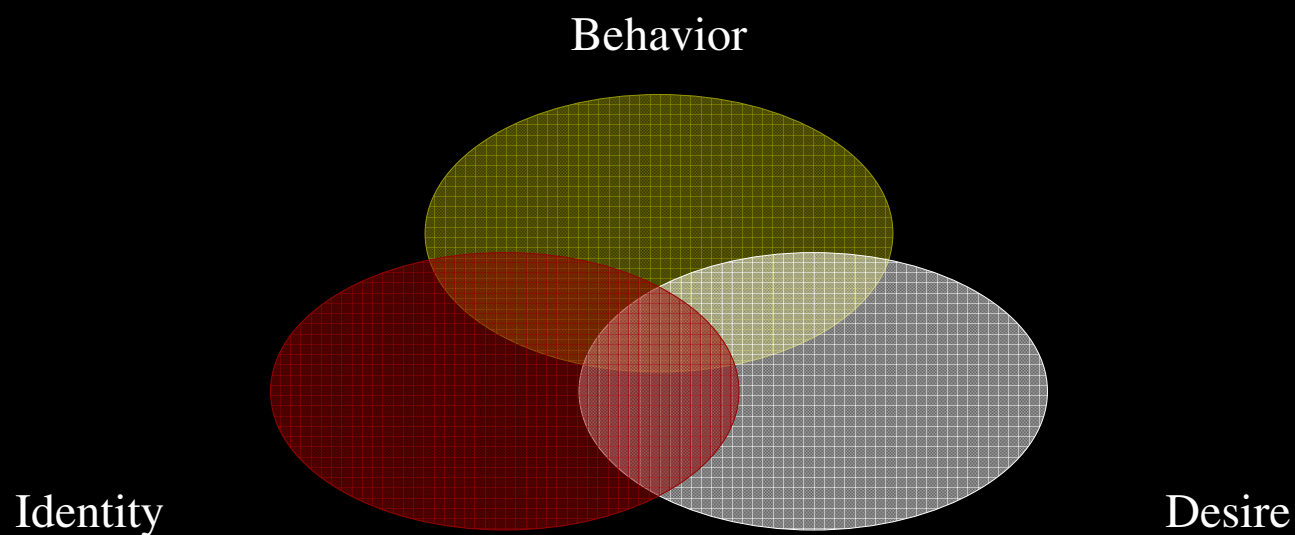
Gary J. Gates

Senior Research Fellow

Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law

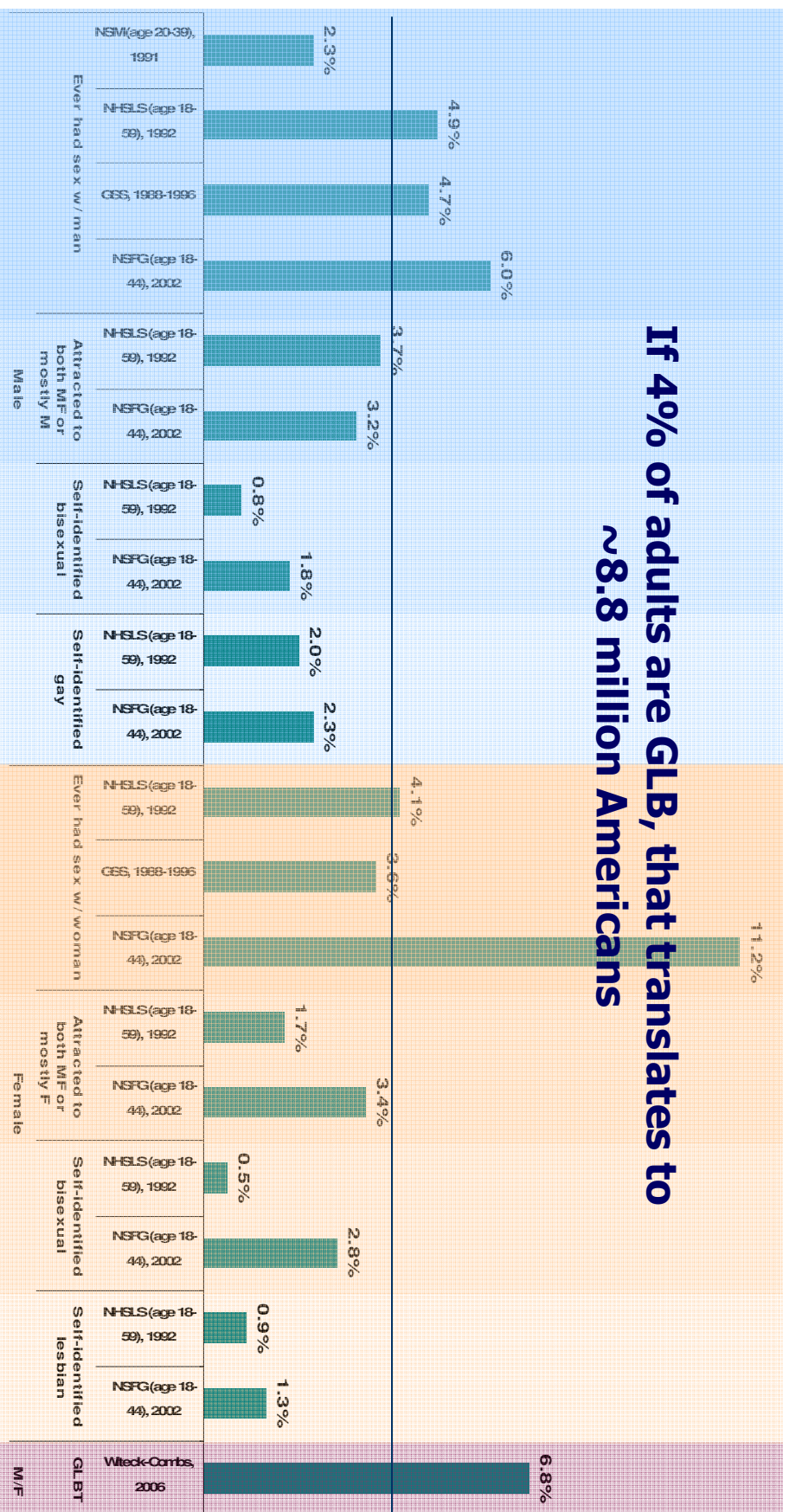
November 3, 2007

How many GLB people are there?



How many GLB people are there?

**If 4% of adults are GLB, that translates to
~8.8 million Americans**



Where do they live?

Number of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Residents, 2005
109th Congressional Districts

WA-7
Jim McDermott
~13% GLB

CA-9
Lee Barbara
~12% GLB

CA-8
Nancy Pelosi
~17% GLB

CA-45
Mary Bono
~11% GLB

DC
Eleanor Holmes Norton
~8% GLB
~33,000 GLB

MA-8
Mike Capuano
~11% GLB

Not all places are created equal...

Estimated GLB Population					
Rank	State		Cities (50 largest)		Congressional District
1	District of Columbia	8.1%	San Francisco	15.4%	CA 8, San Francisco 16.6%
2	New Hampshire	6.6%	Seattle	12.9%	WA 7, Seattle 13.2%
3	Washington	5.7%	Atlanta	12.8%	CA 9, Oakland 12.4%
4	Massachusetts	5.7%	Minneapolis	12.5%	MA 8, Somerville 11.3%
5	Maine	5.2%	Boston	12.3%	CA 45, Palm Springs 10.8%
6	California	5.2%	Oakland	12.1%	GA 5 Atlanta 10.8%
7	Colorado	5.1%	Sacramento	9.8%	NY 8, NY City 10.6%
8	Vermont	5.1%	Portland, OR	8.8%	CA 53, San Diego 10.5%
9	New Mexico	4.9%	Denver	8.2%	MN 5, Minneapolis 9.5%
10	Minnesota	4.7%	Long Beach	8.1%	IL 9, Evanston 9.3%

Where are they coming out?

Figure 2. Percentage increase in the number of same-sex couples, 1990 to 2006.

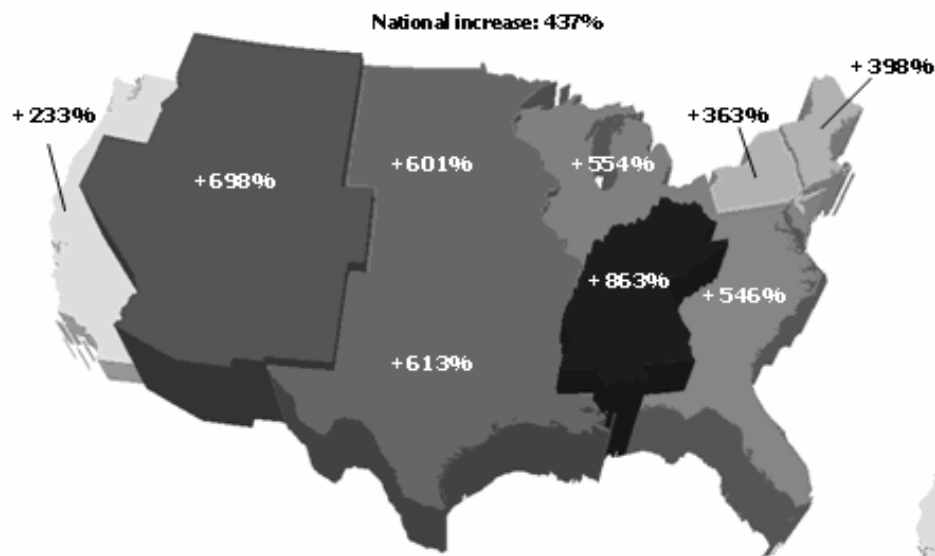
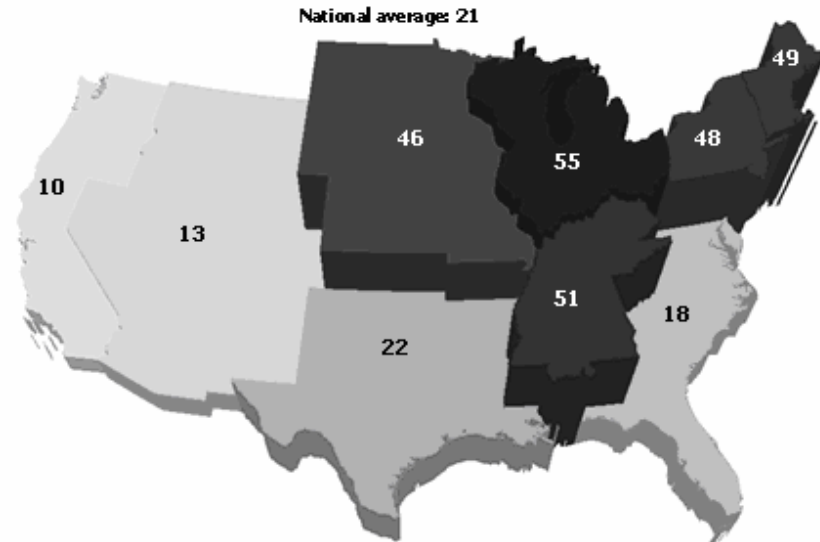
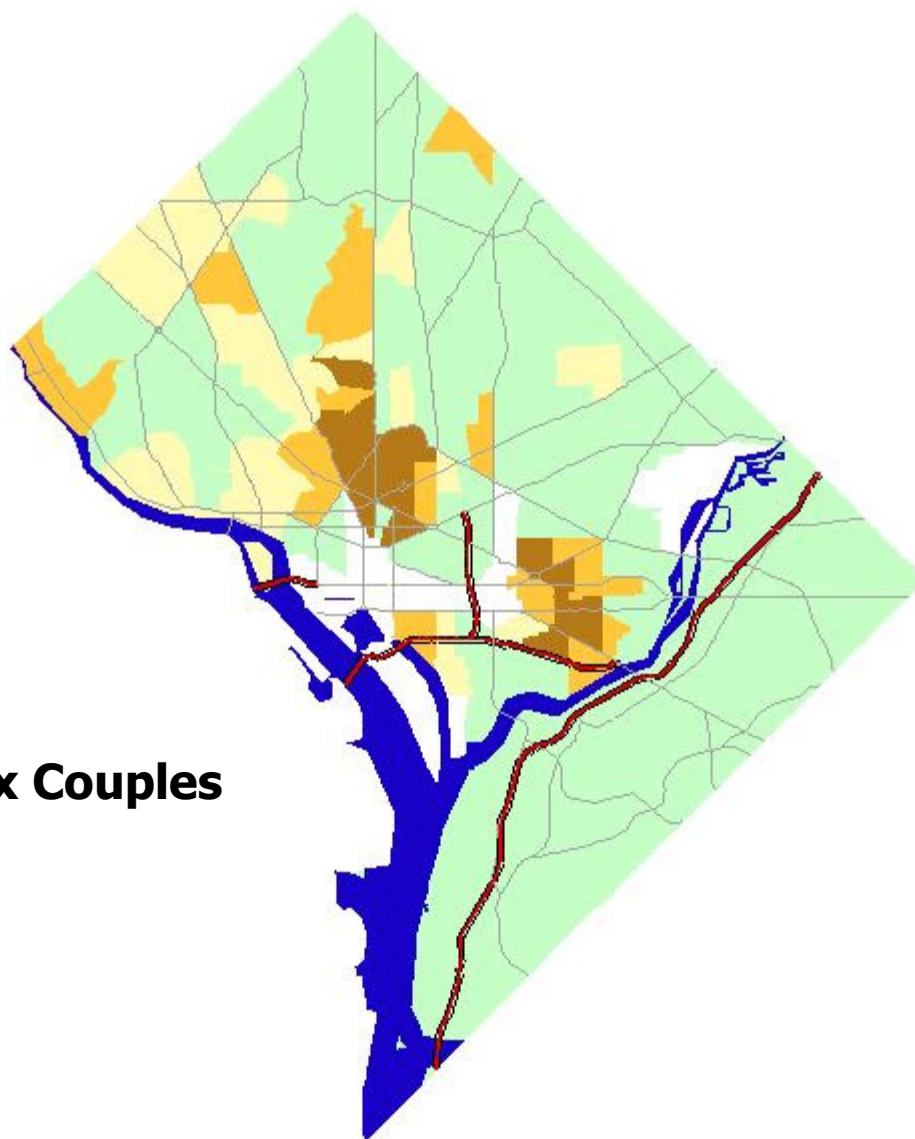


Figure 3. Increase in same-sex couples relative to population increase, 1990 to 2006.



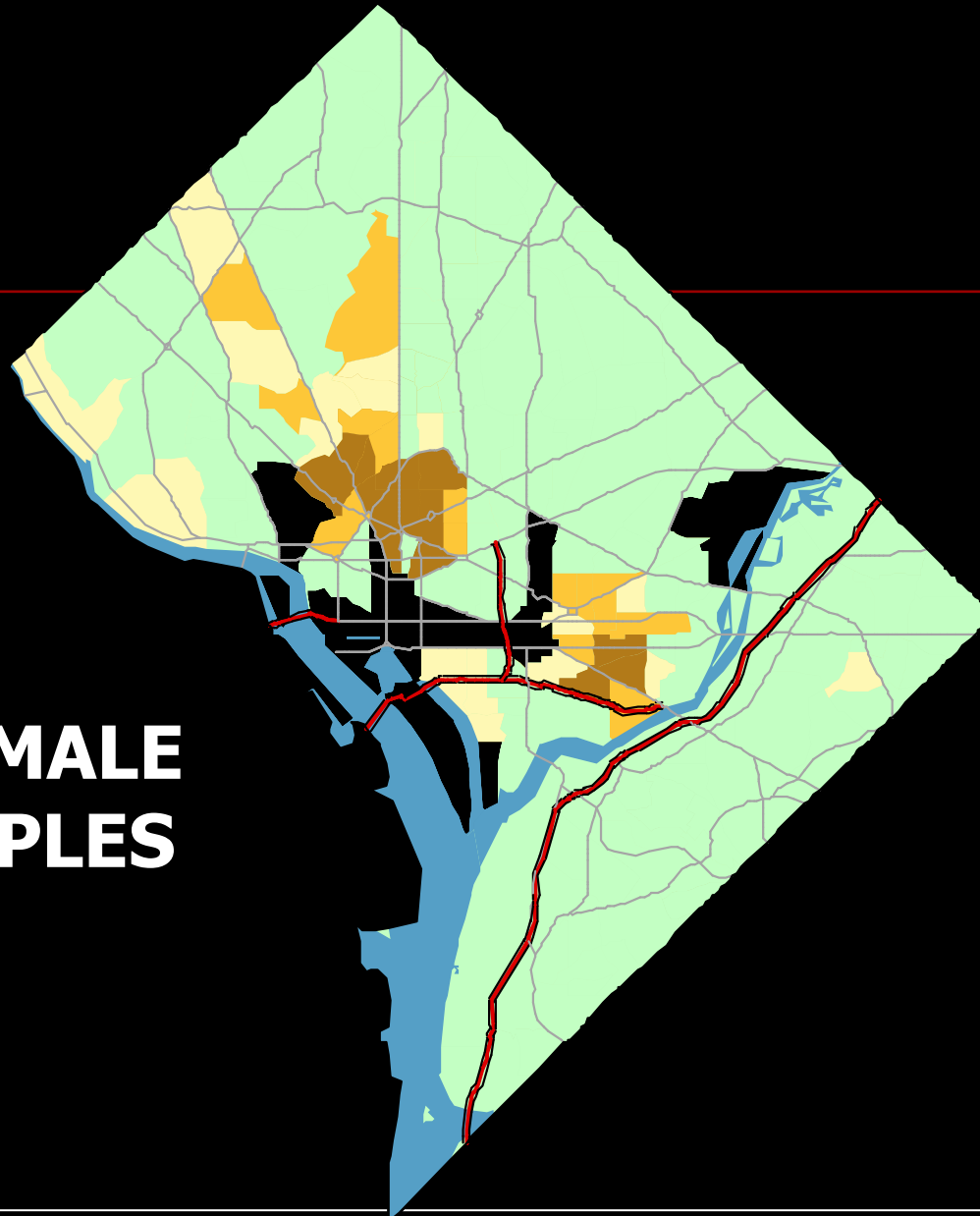
DC

All Same-sex Couples



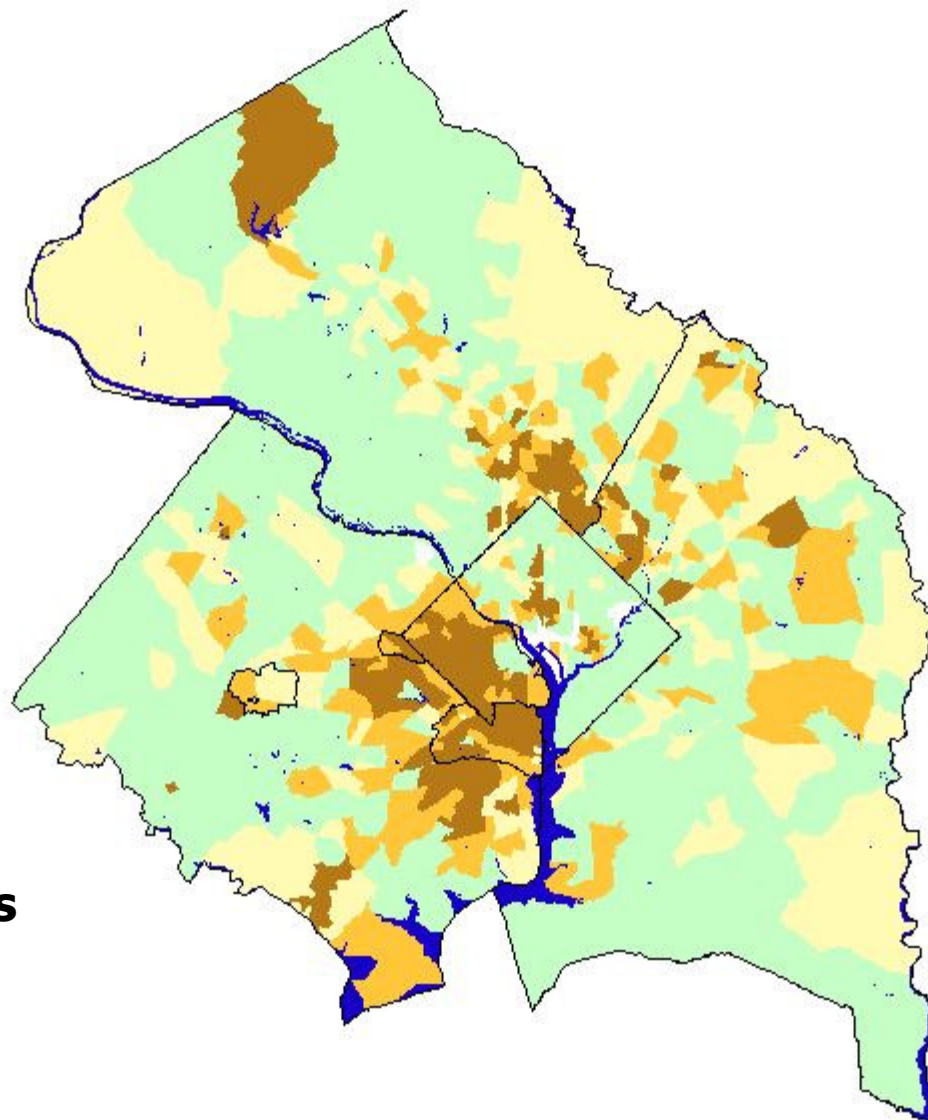
DC

**ALL MALE
COUPLES**



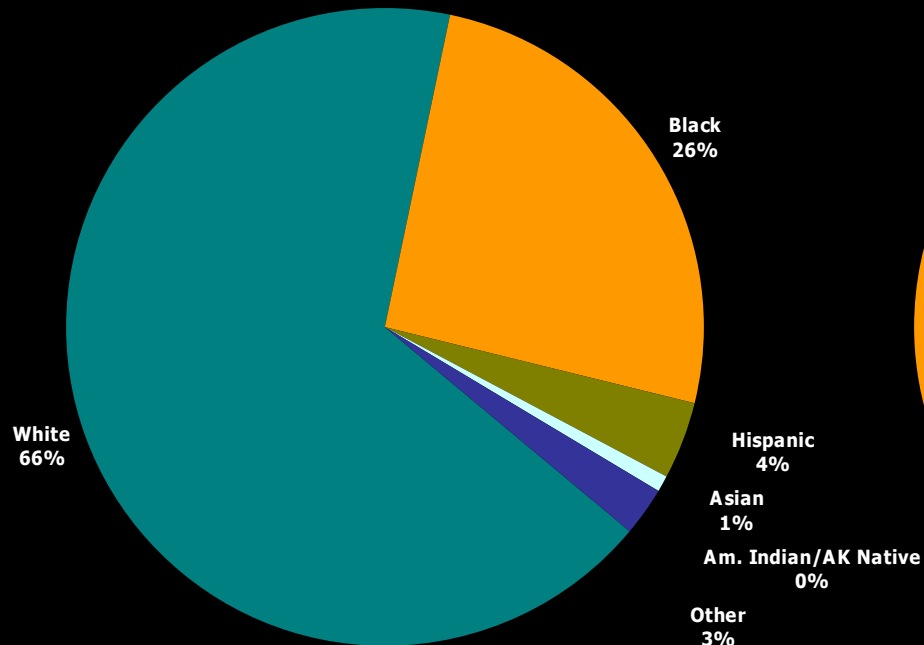
DC

All Couples

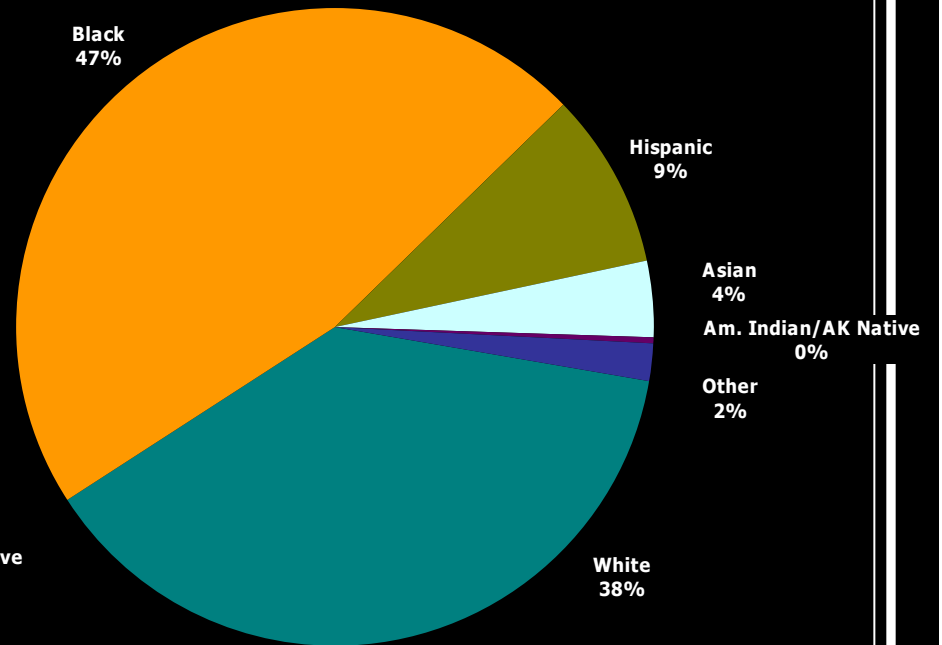


Race/Ethnicity: DC

DC Same-sex Couples

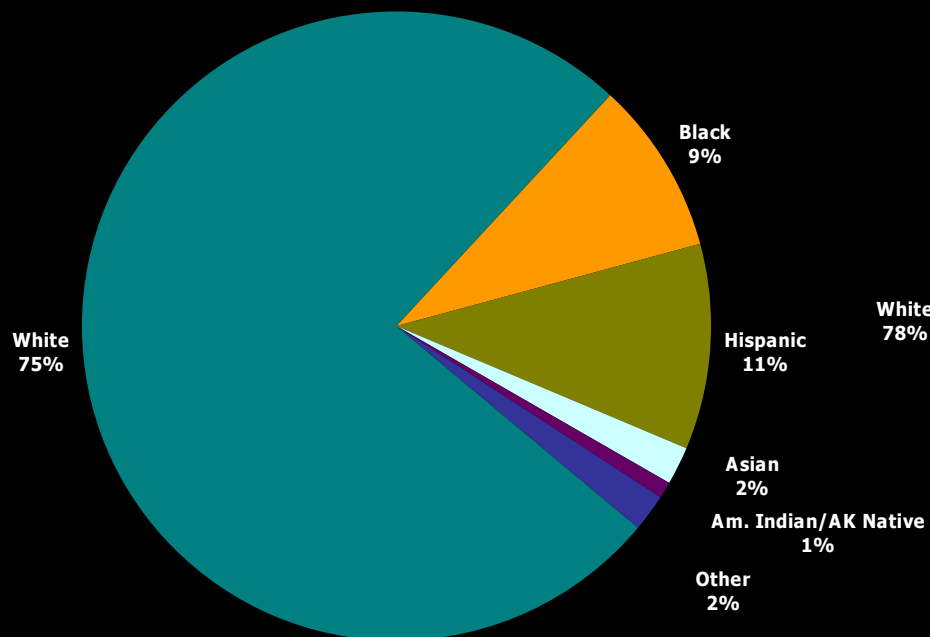


DC Married Couples

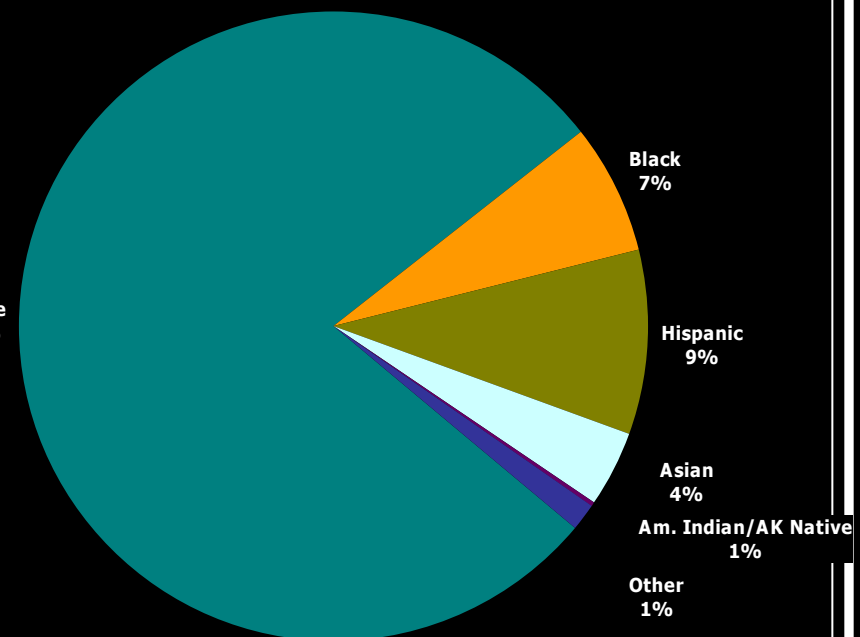


Race/Ethnicity: US

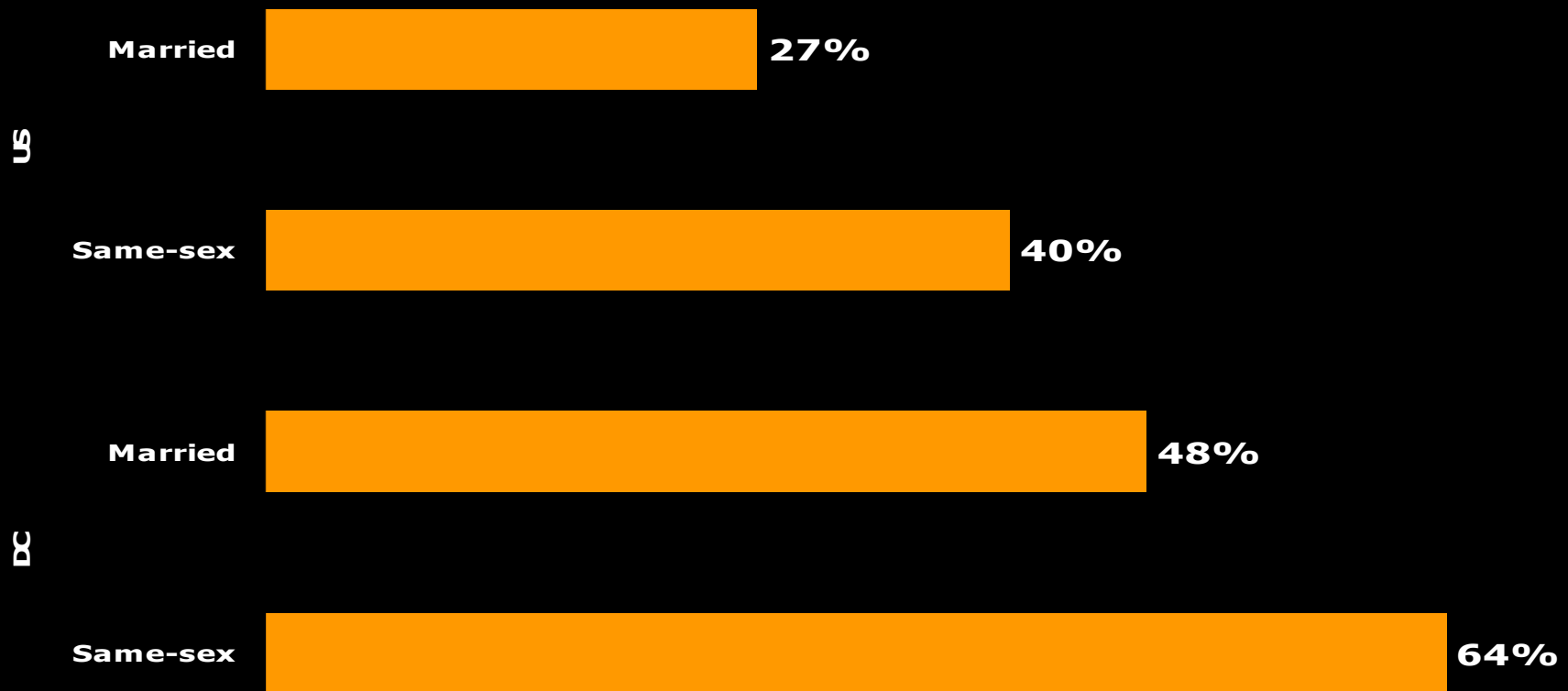
US Same-sex Couples



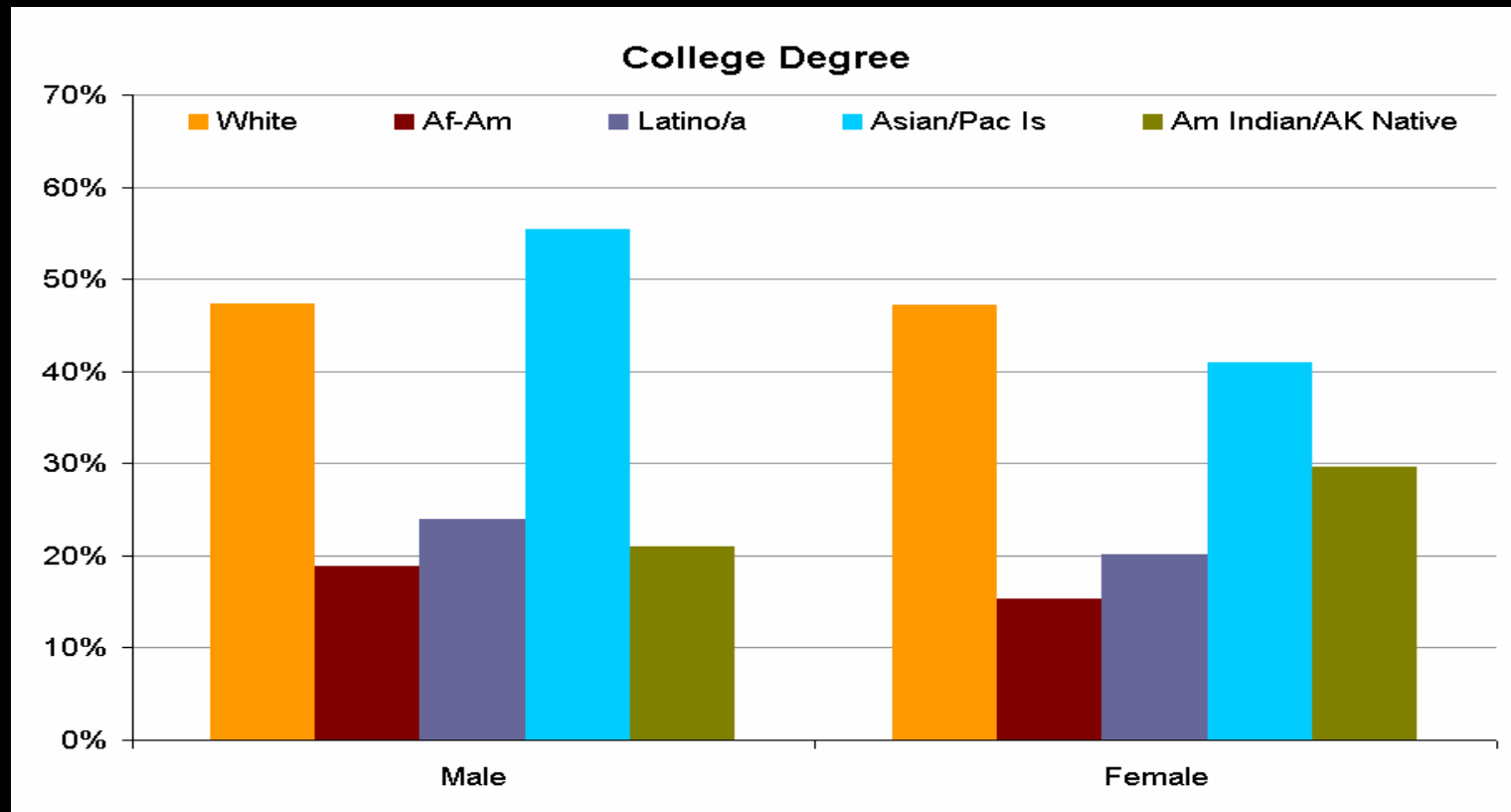
US Married Couples



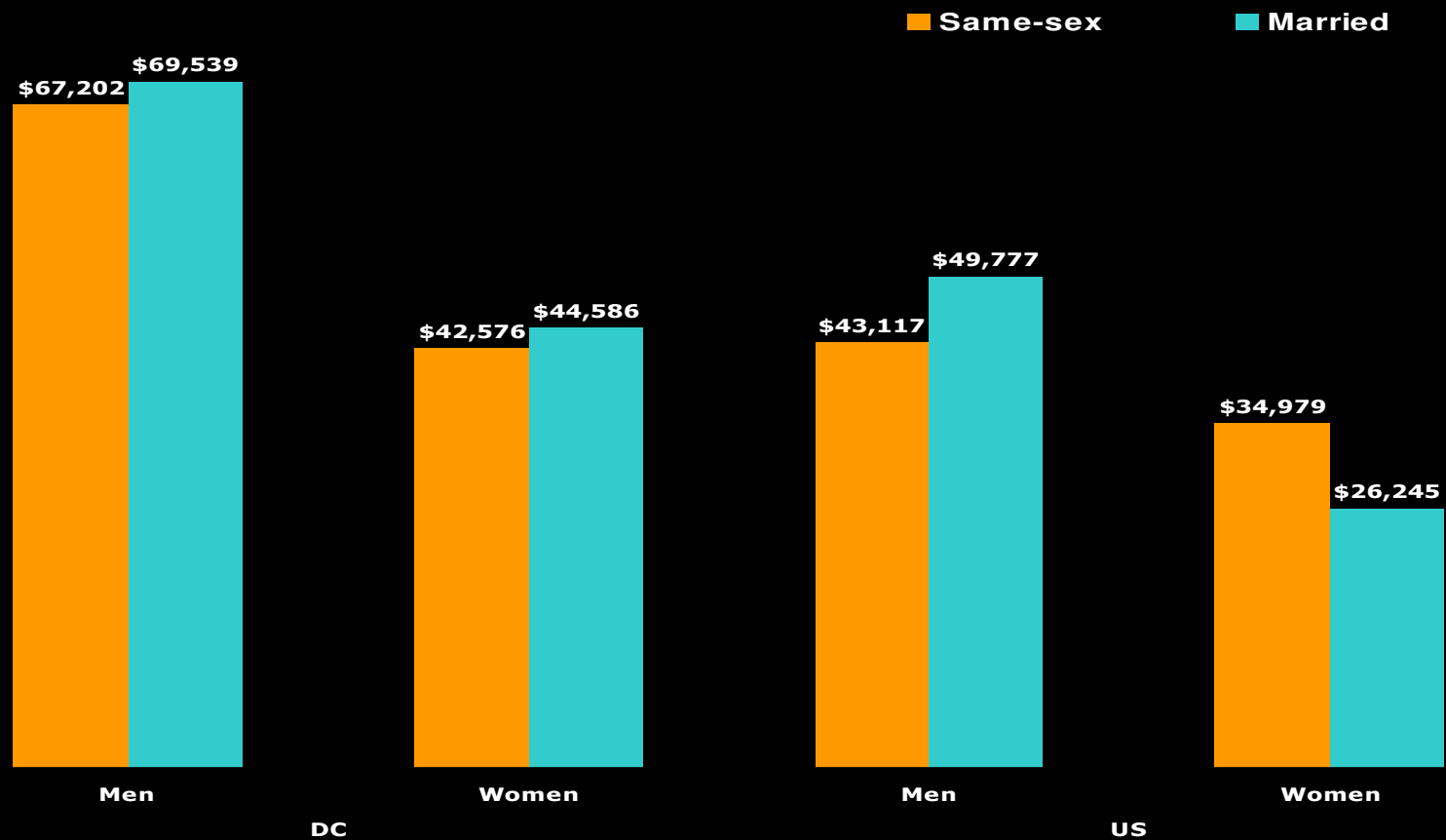
College education



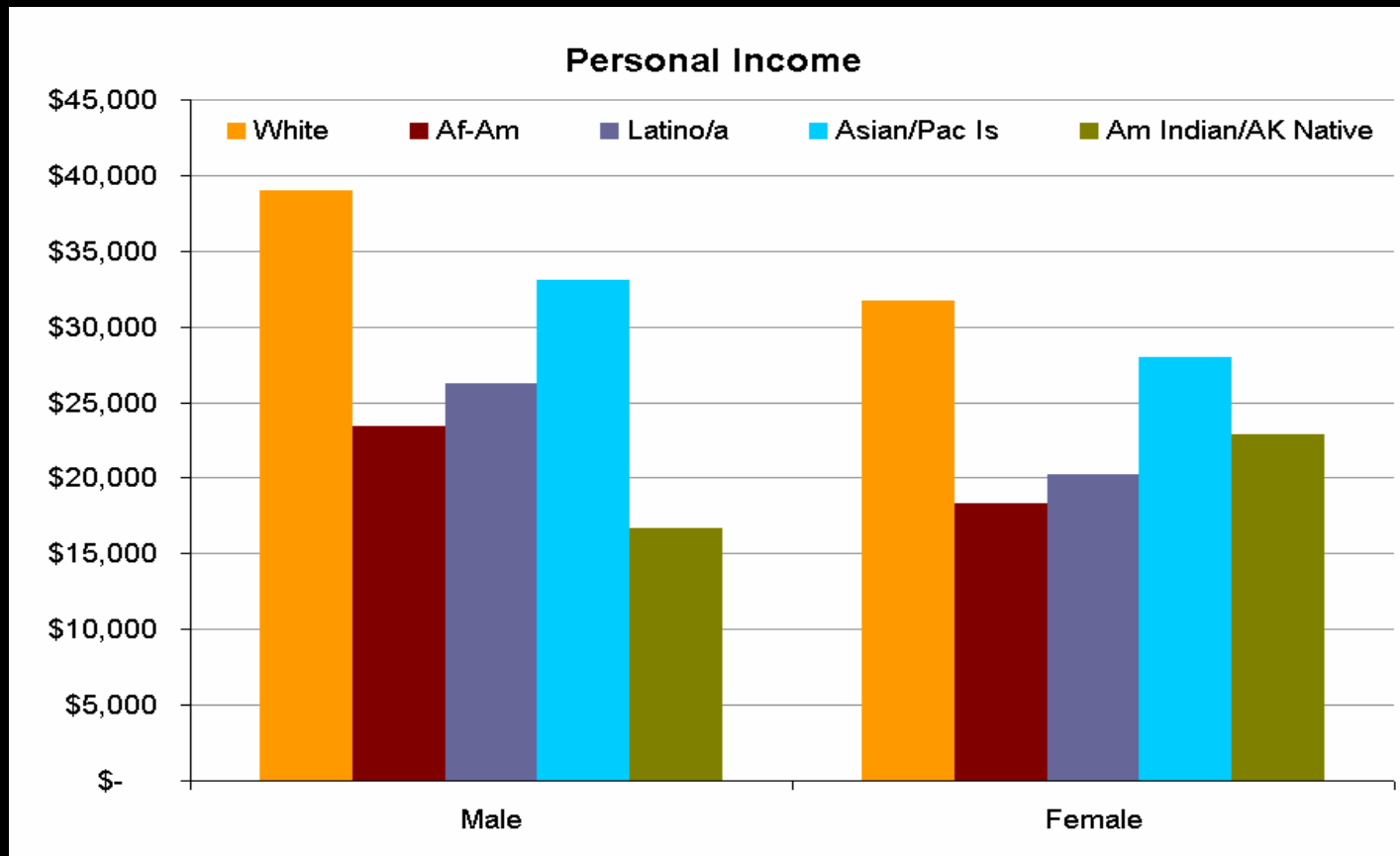
College education by race/ethnicity



Income



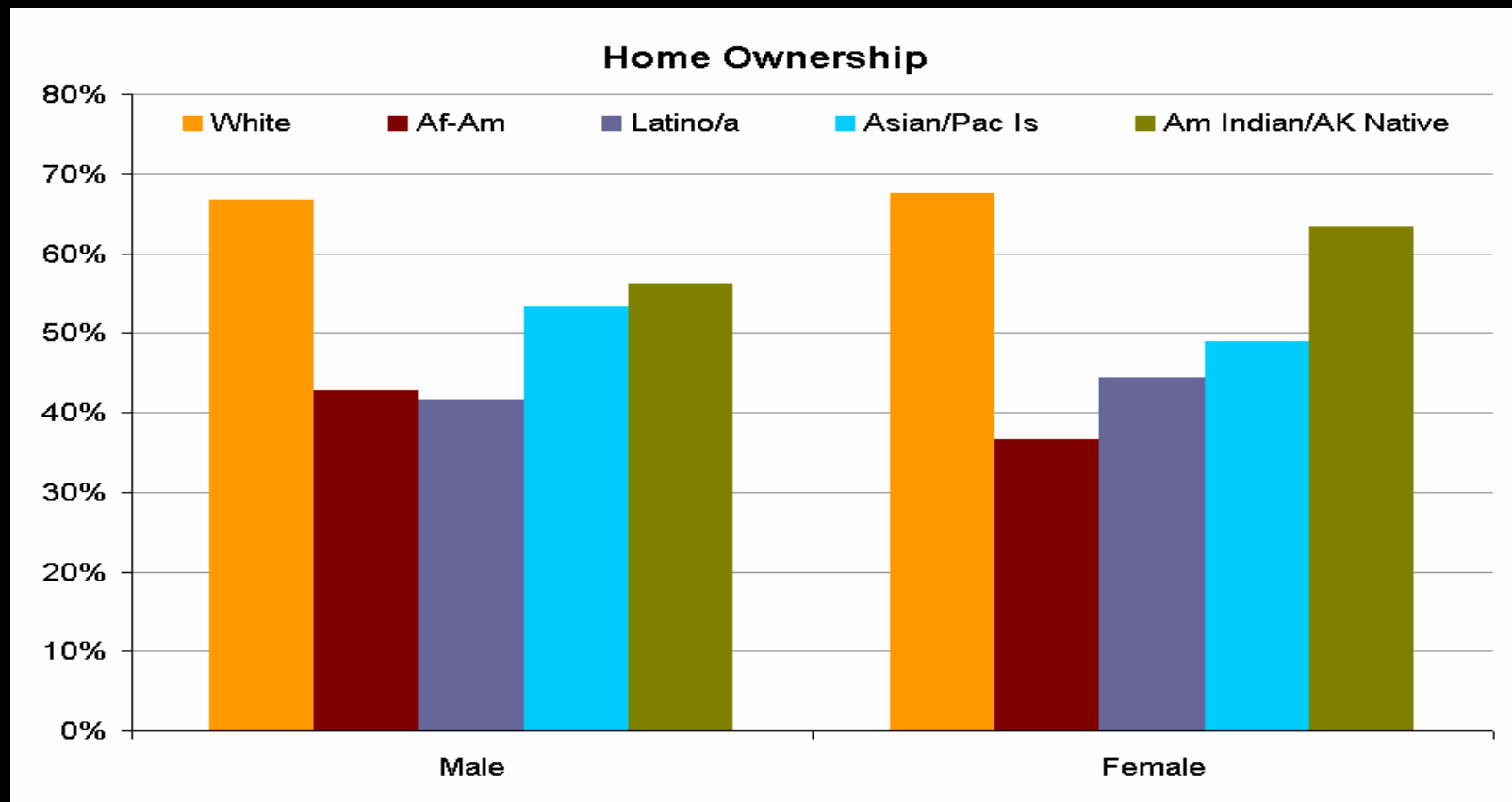
Income by race/ethnicity



Home ownership



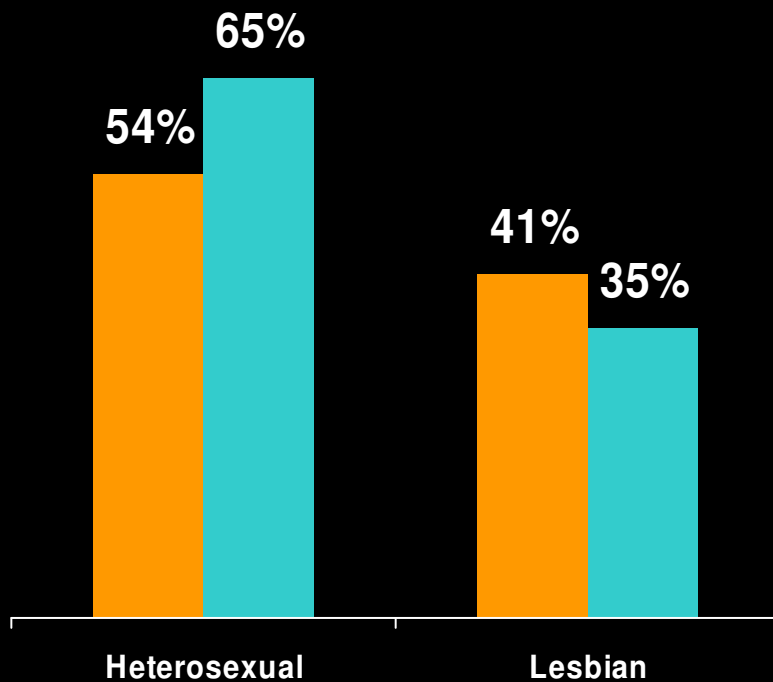
Home ownership by race/ethnicity



Child rearing

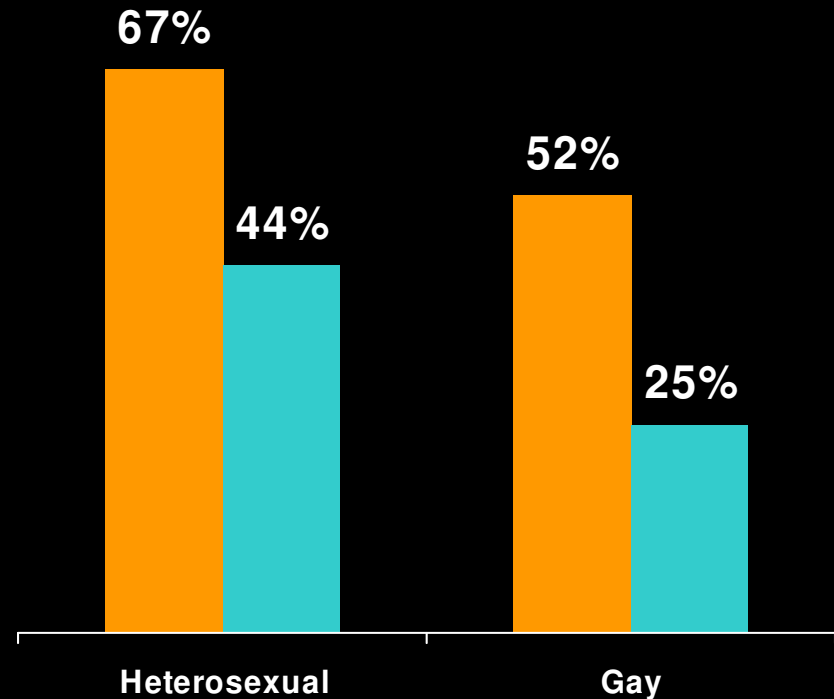
Women, age 18-44

■ Want a child ■ Have had a child

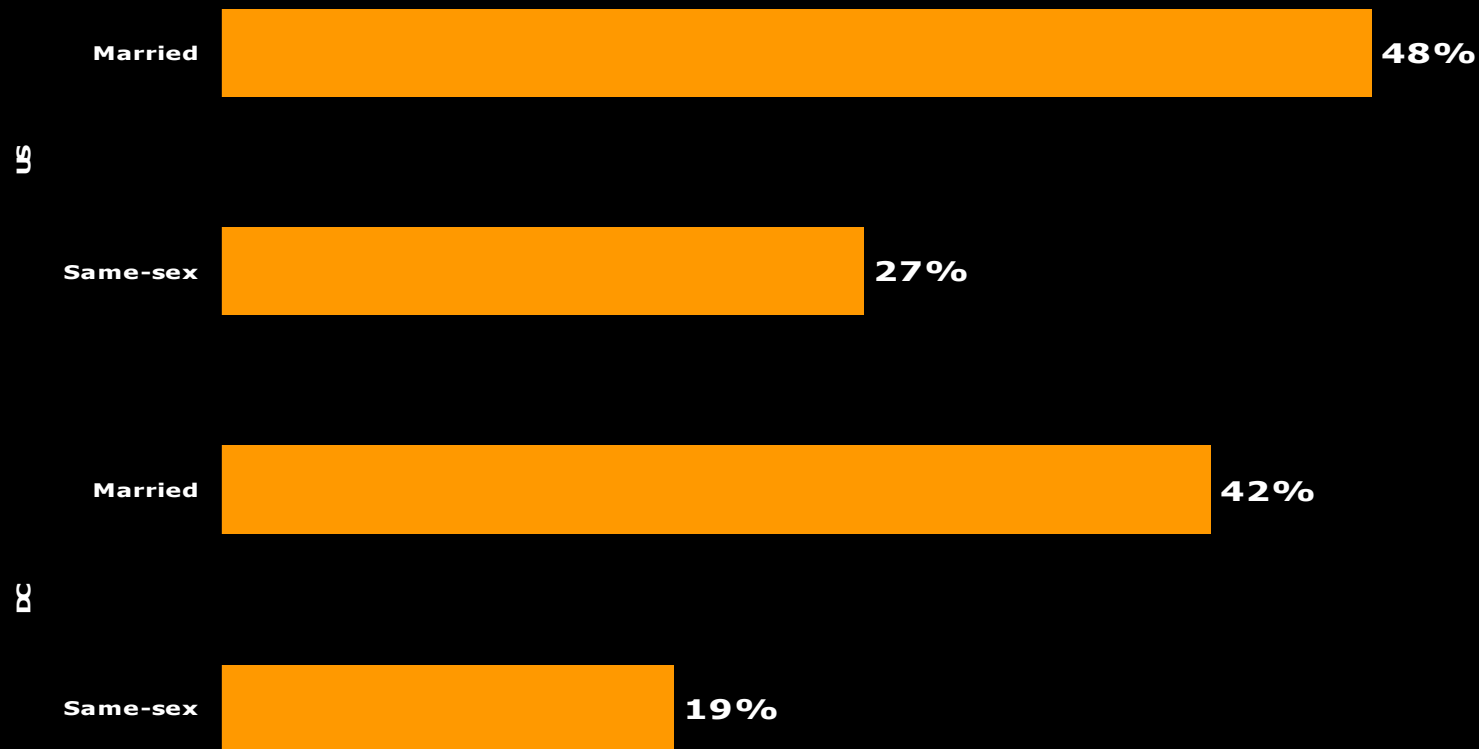


Men, age 18-44

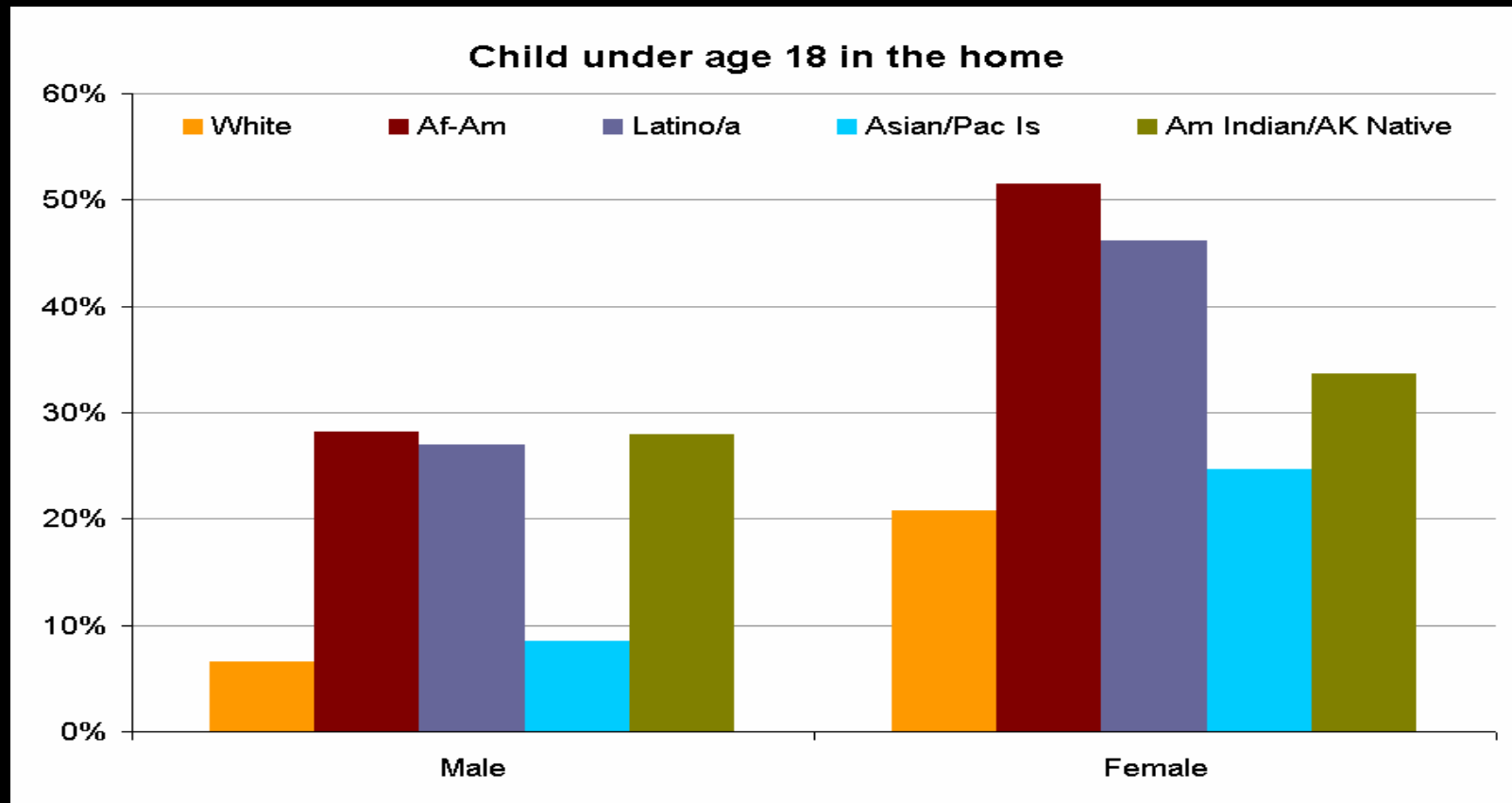
■ Want a child ■ Have had a child



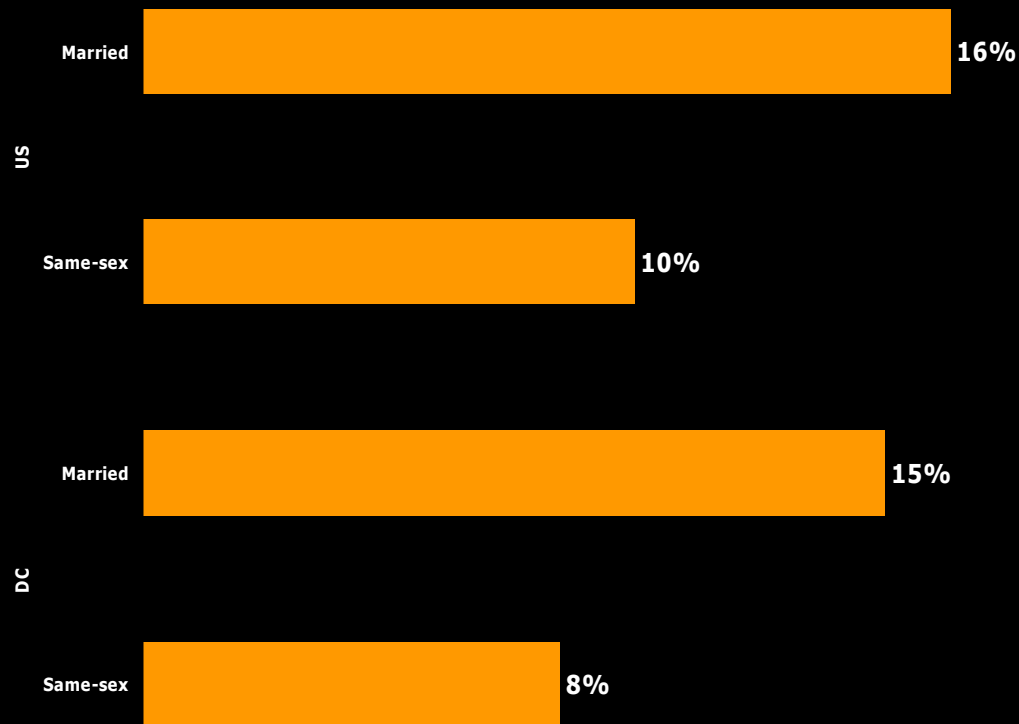
Child rearing: same-sex couples



Child rearing by race/ethnicity



Military service



- An estimated 65,000 GLB people serving in the military
- An estimated one million GLB veterans

Why does all of this matter?



There is no better way to communicate who we are and the depths of our commitment to our partners and our families than by telling the truth of our lives.

--Evan Wolfson
Freedom to Marry

Why does all of this matter?



The positive contributions of 65,000 gay and lesbian Americans to our armed services and our national security cannot be ignored.

--C. Dixon Osburn
Former Executive Director
Servicemembers Legal Defense Network

Why does all of this matter?



Many highly creative people, regardless of ethnic background or sexual orientation, grew up feeling like outsiders, different in some way from most of their schoolmates. When they are sizing up a new company and community, acceptance of diversity and of gays in particular is a sign that reads "non-standard people welcome here."

--Richard Florida

Professor of Business and Creativity

Rotman School of Business, University of Toronto

Questions and Contact Information

- Gary J. Gates

- gates@law.ucla.edu
- 310.825.1869
- www.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute